(c) the number of the cities covered under the scheme, State-wise;

(d) the number of works sanctioned and completed under the scheme, State-wise as on the 31st December, 2004; and

(e) the amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructure Development in Mega Cities was launched in 1993-94. The scheme is applicable to five cities viz., Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh), Bangalore (Karnataka), Mumbai (Maharashtra) and Kolkata (West Bengal). Under the scheme, sharing funds between Central and State Governments is in the ratio of 25:25 and the balance 50% raised by implementing agencies from financial institutions/internal resources.

(d) As on 31.3.05, nodal agency for each Mega City has reported the following information:

Name of Mega City	Projects sanctioned	Projects completed	Projects in progress
Mumbai	63	41	22
Kolkata	130	84	30
Chennai	201	148	39
Hyderabad	224	109	62
Bangalore	60	32	16

(e) As on 31.3.05, Central assistance of Rs. 1334.44 crore was pro-vided to the State Government designated nodal agencies. Rs. 3637.97 crore has been spent by the nodal agencies.

Planting of Saplings by DDA

†3374. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) wheather it is a fact that DDA had fixed a target of planting two and a half lakh of saplings last year and payment was also made therefor;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that only ten thousand saplings were actually planted and which were not property taken care of;

(c) whether it is also a fact that earlier also payments were made by the DDA for planting of saplings without making any enquiry; and

(d) if so, the officials found responsible for the same and the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has informed that there was a target of planting 4,47,000 plants during the year 2004-2005 against which 1,57,844 trees and 2,89,156 shrubs, were planted. Out of this, 90,634 trees with a height between 4.5 feet and 5.00 feet each, were procured at a cost of Rs.23,25,957/-. All the trees/shrubs were properly taken care of after plantation.

(c) it has been intimated by DDA that payments were made only for actual number of trees planted and measurements were checked by the concerned authorities before releasing the payment.

(d) In view of the reply to (c) above, does not arise.

Policy for allotment of land to private hospitals

†3375. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that private hospitals are not implementing the existing conditions regarding free treatment to the poor as agreed upon while getting allotment of land from Government at concessional rates;

(b) if so, whether Govememnt have now chalked out a policy for allotment of Government land to the hospitals and other charitable institutions;

(c) if so, the salient features thereof;

(d) by when the new policy would be implemented; and

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